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Saint Barnabas**

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We warmly welcome all visitors this morning. If you are new to St. Barnabas or would like to participate more fully, please complete the yellow form on the back of the pews and put it on the collection plate.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 21, 2008

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Book of Common Prayer p. 67
Collect, Epistle and Gospel *(the readings are printed below)*

Presiding: The Rev. Jagdutt Singh
Lay Assistant: Jerremie Clyde
Sidesman: Mike Pannett

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and in loving memory of David and Maire Rhodes.**

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**10:15 am Choral Eucharist**  
Hymns from *Common Praise*

**Choral Prelude:** “Surge Illuminare”

**Processional Hymn No. 101**

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

(Crüger)

*(All stand as the Choir begins the Hymn)*

**Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Candles** *(please see insert)*

**Hymn** **Celebrate Emmanuel** (Refrain)

Ring those bells, lift your voice,  
let creation’s heart rejoice.  
God will come; with us dwell.  
Celebrate Emmanuel!

**Choir Anthem:** “Advent Candlelight Carol” Page/Shafferman

## The Worship Begins

### The Prayer of the Day:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### *The congregation sits for The First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16*

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup> Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." <sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup> Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

### **Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26** *(said responsively by the verse)*

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. <sup>2</sup> **I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.** <sup>3</sup> You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: <sup>4</sup> **I will establish your descendants**

**forever, and build your throne for all generations."** <sup>19</sup> Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: "I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people. <sup>20</sup> **I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;** <sup>21</sup> my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him. <sup>22</sup> **The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.** <sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. <sup>24</sup> **My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.** <sup>25</sup> I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. <sup>26</sup> **He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'**

*The congregation sits for The Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27*

<sup>25</sup> Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup> but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- <sup>27</sup> to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

### **Gradual Hymn No. 117**

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

(Es ist ein' Ros)

The Gospel **Luke 1:26-38** <sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of

the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Homily: The Rev. Jagdutt Singh

**Offertory Hymn No. 97**

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" (Tantum Ergo)

**Communion Hymns:**

**No. 110** "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us" (Wachet Auf)

**No. 96** "Creator of the Stars of Night" (Conditor Alme Siderum)

*All stand for the*

**Recessional Hymn No. 89** vss 1 and 4-7

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Veni Emmanuel)

*Following the liturgy, please join us for refreshments in the Lower Hall.*

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**Liturgical Ministers**

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| <b>Presiding:</b>            | The Rev. Jagdutt Singh                   |
| <b>Organist:</b>             | Margaret Kosa<br>St. Barnabas Choir      |
| <b>Sunday School Coord.:</b> | Alethea Power                            |
| <b>Crucifer &amp; Server</b> | Angie Martinac                           |
| <b>Sidespeople:</b>          | Bert Standing's Team                     |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>          | Pat Gregory, Alice King<br>and Lyn Innes |

There is a box of cardboard stars on the table in the narthex. You are invited to write the name(s) of deceased loved ones on the stars; please hang them on the blue Christmas tree.

## **Intercessions**

### **LET US PRAY FOR CHRIST'S HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

We pray for the Province of Lagos, Nigeria.

In our Diocesan prayer calendar we pray for our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Derek Hoskin and the staff of the Synod Office.

We pray for our companion Diocese, the Windward Isles.

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING GIFTS:**

Eva David, Doris Ford, The Rev. Mervin Wolfleg, The Rev. Canon John Flagler, Chyrine (COR-REEN) Thompson, Donald Sawatzky, Taylor James, Elizabeth Hardcastle, Elizabeth Finlayson, Robert Darwent, Margaret Baird, Willy, Doris Piper, Darrell, Jim Watts, Mark, Linda, Matthew and Laura Curran, Eddie and Joan Norris, John Mallinson, Coralie Arthur, Larry Hewitt, Veronica White, Russell des Cognets, Parvati Narain, Jean Spencer, Cathy King, Mandy Leet, Paul and Daphne Bennett, Kiera Peters, Suzanne Roberts, Grace Hart, Mark Dickinson, Bernie Baird, Hari and Kamla Singh, Sharon Crockett, Reta Lee, Cam Fahrner, Benjamin, Claire Flynn, Ed Yates, Neil McKenzie, Fran Wilshaw, Greg Johnston, Beverly Roberts, Terry and Edith Penelhum, Gwen Coupland, Don Alexander, Karen K, Win Saunders, Cathie Morris, and Linda Stevenson.

**We pray for the soul of Thea Merker  
and ask God's blessing upon her parents,  
Iris and Torston Merker as they mourn her loss.**

## UPCOMING AT ST. BARNABAS

### **Christmas Eve**

Wednesday, December 24 Family Service at 4:30 pm  
Choral Service at 10:30 pm

### **Christmas Day**

Thursday, December 25 Choral Service at 10:15 am  
Sunday, December 28 **The First Sunday After Christmas**  
Eucharist: 8:30 am  
Eucharist and Holy Baptism 10:15 am  
**Readings:** Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3,  
Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7,  
Luke 2:22-40.  
**Readers:** Andrew and Dianne Dickinson

### **News from the Prayer Shawl Ministry:**

We have 11 more shawls to send to the Alberta Cancer Foundation on behalf of St. Barnabas Church. The shawls are given by staff members to patients burdened with physical and emotional pain. We have received many notes of thanks for this outward sign of inward spiritual grace. The following are the knitters for this batch of shawls:

Marj Norris, Gabriele Kelter, Joan Kelter, Beth Neilson, Margaret Kosa, Kay Dickieson, and Jenny James.

**The dinner and silent auction has been postponed. For further details please** contact Joe or Rebecca Jacobs at 403 234 0262 or 403 617 9123.

### **An Undercroft Outreach Update**

Three campaigns are planned for 2009. The winter campaign will benefit **Inn From the Cold**; items will be collected in January. The spring initiative is for **The Women's Shelter**; items will be collected in May. Fall will see us collecting for the **St. Barnabas Food Bank** and **Rector's resources**; the collection will be in September.

For the **Women's Shelter** we will be collecting toiletries. We request that if you are traveling between now and May, please remember to bring home the hotel provided toiletries (unopened). Thank you.